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Regarding claims 1 and 13, the modifications (as seen below) to the claims change their scope; therefore, the Examiner is required to perform an updated search.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a predefined quality of service between two communication partners, wherein the two communication partners are connected by at least two connections, a first connection handled by a first network edge node entity and a second connection handled by a second network edge node entity, and wherein the method comprises the steps of:

receiving or defining a service level agreement in a service level specification, distributing the service level specification to the first and the second network edge node entity by means of partitioning or by means of replication; and

controlling the first and the second network edge node entity and thus ensuring that the sum of the provided quality of service on said connections between the two communication partners does not exceed limits defined in the service level specification.